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FOLLOWING REPEAT CALCUTTA 1763 SENT ACTION NEW DELHI

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QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L CALCUTTA 1763

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SUBJ: BANGLADESH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER ON BANGLADESH/
INDIA RELATIONS

1. BANGLADESH DEPUTY HC KHAN TELLS ME THAT THE RATE OF
"MISCREANT" ACTIVITY FROM INDIA AGAINST BANGLADESH HAS
DROPPED CONSIDERABLY IN RECENT WEEKS. IT CONTINUES BUT
IS NOW ONLY ABOUT TEN PERCENT OF WHAT IT WAS PREVIOUSLY.
KHAN WAS NOT SURE HOW TO INTERPRET THIS, I.E. WHETHER
THE INDIANS ARE DELIVERATELY EASING PRESSURE ON BANGLADESH
OR WHETHER IT IS SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE MONSOON THAT
ACTIVITY IS NOW LOWER.

2. IN ANY EVENT, KHAN WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC. HE SAID IT
HAS NOW BECOME CLEAR THAT THE ONLY PURPOSE OF THE RECENT
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SO-CALLED INDIAN GOODWILL MISSION TO DACCA WAS TO DETER-

MINE HOW FIRM THE POSITION OF THE BANGLADESH GOVT IS ON FARAKKA AND OTHER ISSUES. NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON FARAKKA AND NONE IS IN PROSPECT AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH BANGLADESH WILL FACE THE SAME PROBLEM OF WATER SHORTAGE DURING THE NEXT DRY SEASON THAT IT DID DURING THE LAST ONE.

3. KHAN SAID THE INDIANS HAVE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED FOURTEEN CAMPS "IN WEST BENGAL ALONE" FOR THE TRAINING OF BANGLADESH DISSIDENTS. CAMPS ARE NOT BIG, BUT THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SET AND THAT "MISCREANTS" ARE BEING TRAINED IN THE HANDLING OF EXPLOSIVES AND SABOTAGE AND GUERRILLA OPERATIONS IS DISTURBING. KHAN WAS ALSO UNEASY OVER RECENT ESTABLISHMENT OF A "DELTA POLICE" UNIT IN THE WEST BENGAL POLICE (THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THEN IG OF POLICE RANJIT GUPTA IN MID-JUNE), EQUIPPED WITH SMALL BOATS AND INTENDED FOR PATROL DUTY IN THE SUNDERBANDS AREA, AND OVER THE LAUNCHING BY INDIAN NAVY LAST WEEK OF A NEW COASTAL PATROL VESSEL, THE "SEAWARD DEFENSE BOAT MARK II." KHAN NOTED THAT IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY GOI DEFENSE PRODUCTION SECRETARY SEN HAD SAID SEVERAL MORE OF THESE VESSELS ARE SCHEDULED FOR PRODUCTION BY CALCUTTA'S GARDEN REACH WORKS FACILITY. KHAN SAID IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NEW "SEAWARD DEFENSE BOAT MARK II" WILL OPERATE OUT OF CALCUTTA AND IN THE AREA OF THE INDIA/BANGLADESH COAST. HE ADDED THAT ANY STRENGTHENING OF INDIAN NAVAL FORCES IN THIS AREA IS OBVIOUSLY OF CONCERN TO BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT.
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